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In re

U.S. Application of:

Masami TOYAMA, Motomi TAKEMOTO, Akinori YOSHIDA, Hiroaki IKEDA, Tomokazu KATO, and Junko NATSUME

For:

AN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS HAVING A DISPLAY CHANGEABLE IN COLOR ACCORDING TO OPERATIONAL MODE

U.S. Serial No.:

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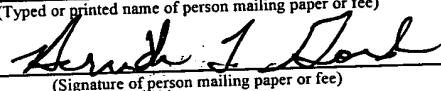
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July 30, 1999  
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181  
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT,

OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE,

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a)  
FOR REVIVAL OF UNAVOIDABLY ABANDONED  
APPLICATION FOR PATENT

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Application Serial No. 09/160,267

A Notice of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.53(f) or (g) (Filing Date Granted) was mailed on July 15, 1999, indicating that the above-identified patent application is abandoned for failure to timely reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts, dated October 16, 1998, as no reply was received.

However, the Notice to File Missing Parts, dated October 16, 1998, was never delivered at any address to applicants' attorneys of record. Accordingly, by this Petition, applicants respectfully request the United States Patent and Trademark Office (i) to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this patent application, or in the alternative (ii) to revive this patent application as having been unavoidably abandoned.

A. Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment

Applicants filed the above-identified United States patent application on September 24, 1998, with a check for the filing fee and with an unexecuted Declaration.

The Form PTO-1533, which is the normal response by the United States Patent and Trademark Office to the filing of a patent application with an unexecuted Declaration, indicates that a copy of the Notice must be returned with the executed Declaration of the inventors. Accordingly, applicants waited for the receipt of a Form PTO-1533 for the above-identified patent application. However, as a Form PTO-1533 had not been received by applicants' attorneys as of May 28, 1999, a document entitled "COMPLETION OF APPLICATION", with the executed Declaration of the inventors being attached thereto, was mailed on May 28, 1999, by Express Mail Post Office to Addressee Service to the Assistant

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Commissioner for Patents, Box Missing Parts, Washington, DC 20231.

Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.53(f) or (g) (Filing Date Granted), dated July 15, 1999, indicating that applicants failed to respond to a United States Patent and Trademark Office communication dated October 16, 1998, and entitled "Notice to File Missing Parts" (hereinafter the "NOTICE TO FILE").

A copy of the NOTICE TO FILE, obtained by applicants' attorneys subsequent to July 15, 1999, indicates that the NOTICE TO FILE is a Form PTO-1533 which provides a response period of two months from the date of the NOTICE TO FILE, which period can be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Thus, if the NOTICE TO FILE had been delivered, the response period would appear to be December 16, 1998, extendible to April 16, 1999.

Applicants hereby respectfully petition that the holding of abandonment for the above-identified patent application be withdrawn, based on a failure of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to deliver the NOTICE TO FILE to applicants' attorneys.

In accordance with the requirements of MPEP 711.03(c) to establish non-receipt of a United States Patent and Trademark Office communication, the undersigned attorney for applicants hereby attests:

1. Neither I nor Sidley & Austin, as addressee, received the original or any copy of the NOTICE TO FILE prior to July 15, 1999; and

2. I have carefully searched the Sidley & Austin file and docket records for the above-identified patent application and

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have determined that the NOTICE TO FILE was not in or a part of such file/records prior to July 15, 1999.

3. Attached hereto is a copy of the relevant Sidley & Austin docketing records (**Exhibit A**) for the above-identified patent application, which expressly reflects a chronological listing illustrating where the NOTICE TO FILE would have been entered had it been received by Sidley & Austin.

In view of the above showing, applicants request the grant of this Petition to withdraw the current holding of abandonment. Applicants are not aware of any fee required for this Petition; however, in the event that a fee is required, please charge any necessary fee (other than issue fee) to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

**B. Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a) for Revival of Application Unavoidably Abandoned**

Only in the event that the Commissioner should determine that applicants' Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment is denied, applicants hereby alternatively petition for revival of this matter pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a). However, if the Commissioner grants applicants' Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment, applicants request that the following Petition not be considered, and that any petition fee authorized herein for the following Petition not be charged.

In furtherance of the requirements for this Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a):

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1. Please charge the requisite petition fee (\$110.00), as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l), to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

2. A proper response to the NOTICE TO FILE, in the form of a document entitled "COMPLETION OF APPLICATION", an executed Declaration by the inventors, and a check in the amount of \$130 for the 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) surcharge for the late filing of the executed Declaration, was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail Post Office to Addressee on May 28, 1999, and copies thereof are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. A copy of the postcard receipt is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

3. This Petition is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment, and thus is timely.

4. The entire delay involved in responding to the NOTICE TO FILE was unintentional.

5. In regard to providing an adequate showing of unavoidable delay, please consider:

I, along with several other registered patent attorneys with the firm of Sidley & Austin, represent the applicants in the above-identified United States patent application. On July 22, 1999, Sidley & Austin received a Notice of Abandonment for the above-identified United States Patent application. Upon the Notice of Abandonment being forwarded to me, I promptly requested Montrose Intellectual Property Services, Inc. to review the United States Patent and Trademark file for this patent application. On July 28, 1999, Montrose provided Sidley & Austin with a copy of the NOTICE TO FILE.

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Submitted herewith is a declaration by Ms. Lorie Bigley, a legal assistant of Sidley & Austin, describing the events detailed above regarding the receipt of the copy of the NOTICE TO FILE (**Exhibit D**).

Prior to receiving the copy of the NOTICE TO FILE on July 28, 1999, Sidley & Austin had not received any version of the NOTICE TO FILE. The Dallas office of Sidley & Austin maintains a strict procedure for handling mail received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office. To this end, submitted herewith are declarations from:

- (1) Mr. LaCarro Boston (Office Services Manager for Sidley & Austin, Dallas office) (**Exhibit E**),
- (2) Ms. Leslie Reames, (former U.S. Docketing Coordinator for Sidley & Austin, Dallas office) (**Exhibit F**), and
- (c) Ms. Tifarah White (U.S. Docketing Coordinator for Sidley & Austin, Dallas office) (**Exhibit G**)

that detail a procedure Sidley & Austin personnel follow for receiving and processing mail and for recording United States Patent and Trademark communications in Sidley & Austin's computerized docketing system.

In view of Sidley & Austin's strict procedure for receiving, processing, and docketing communications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a noted absence of the NOTICE TO FILE in the file jacket (and any docketing of the NOTICE TO FILE) prior to July 15, 1999, and no recollection by docketing personnel of receiving the NOTICE TO FILE or of events that would have resulted in a deviation of Sidley & Austin's procedure, it

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is respectfully submitted that the NOTICE TO FILE was not actually received by Sidley & Austin. Without any timely knowledge of the NOTICE TO FILE, any abandonment of the above-identified patent application was unavoidable. Consequently, in the event it is necessary to consider this Petition, applicants respectfully request grant of this Petition to revive this unavoidably abandoned patent application.

This Petition has been promptly prepared and filed following applicants' becoming aware of the holding of abandonment of this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

By: James W. Williams  
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Attorney for Applicants

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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f) or (g)  
(*Filing Date Granted*)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 10-16-98.

No reply was received.

The reply received on \_\_\_\_\_ was untimely.

The reply received on \_\_\_\_\_ was improper. The reply did not include:

- 1. The surcharge under 37 CFR 1.16(e) required for filing the basic filing fee or oath or declaration on a date later than the filing date of a nonprovisional application.
- 2. The surcharge under 37 CFR 1.16(i) required for filing the basic filing fee or cover sheet on a date later than the filing date of a provisional application.
- 3. The full amount of the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16 (a), (f), (g), (k).

*(Note: A nonprovisional application may not be relied on for benefits under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78 unless the processing and retention fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.21(l) is paid within the one year period set forth in 37 CFR 1.53(f). A provisional application may not be relied on for benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78 unless the basic filing fee is paid).*

- 4. The oath or declaration of all the inventors required under 37 CFR 1.63 for this nonprovisional application.

The letter of Express Abandonment filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is acknowledged.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(c).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(c).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282.

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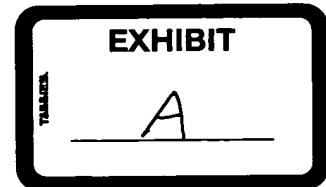
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COMPLETION OF APPLICATION

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The declaration filed on September 24, 1998 with the  
above-identified U.S. patent application was unexecuted.

Applicants have not received any Notification Form  
PTO-1533.

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Applicants submit herewith the declaration executed by the Applicants on October 28, October 15, October 14 and October 14, 1998, respectively.

The executed declaration identifies the specification by title, filing date, and attorney docket number.

Applicants also submit herewith a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) surcharge for the late filing of an executed declaration. If the check is not present, not sufficient, or not acceptable, please charge any fees required during the pendency of this application (other than issue fee) to Deposit Account #18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account #18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

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May 28, 1999

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe that I and the other joint inventors named below are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or discovery entitled

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the specification of which was filed on Sep. 24, 1998 as Application Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119/365 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate as listed below or of any PCT international application, designating at least one country other than the United States of America, as listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application, designating at least one country other than the

United States of America, directed to said invention or discovery and having a filing date before that of the applications on which priority is claimed:

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9-261582	Japan	26/09/1997	X
9-283625	Japan	16/10/1997	X
9-283627	Japan	16/10/1997	X

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all of the firm of SIDLEY & AUSTIN, my representatives with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to file and prosecute any international patent applications filed thereon before any international authorities under the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Full name of second joint inventor:

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Date: <u>Oct. 15, 1998</u>		
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Citizenship: <u>Japan</u>		
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Inventor's signature: Tomokazu Kato

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Inventor's signature: Junko Natsume

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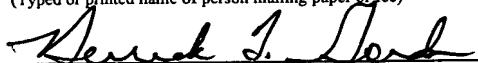
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July 30, 1999  
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DECLARATION OF LORIE BIGLEY

I, Lorie Bigley, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of the state of Texas and am over 18 years of age and fully competent to make this declaration, and if called as a witness, could testify to the following facts, which are based upon my personal knowledge, information, and belief.

**EXHIBIT**

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2. I am employed as a patent prosecution legal assistant with Sidley & Austin, located at 717 N. Harwood, Dallas, Texas 75201. As a part of my employment with Sidley & Austin, I am responsible for monitoring the status of certain pending United States patent applications, including the above-identified United States patent application.

3. The above-identified patent application was filed on September 24, 1998, with an unexecuted Declaration by the inventors.

4. Form PTO-1533, which is the normal response by the United States Patent and Trademark Office to the filing of a patent application with an unexecuted Declaration, indicates that a copy of the Notice must be returned with the executed Declaration of the inventors. Accordingly, I waited for the Form PTO-1533 to be issued before forwarding the executed Declaration by the inventors to the Patent and Trademark.

5. However, as a Form PTO-1533 had not been received by May 28, 1999, James W. Williams, one of the attorneys of record in the above-identified patent application, directed that a document entitled "COMPLETION OF APPLICATION", with the executed Declaration of the inventors and a check in the amount of \$130 for the 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) surcharge being attached thereto, be mailed on May 28, 1999, by Express Mail Post Office to Addressee to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Missing Parts, Washington, DC 20231.

6. Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.53(f) or (g) (Filing Date Granted), dated July 15, 1999, indicating that applicants failed to respond to a United States Patent and Trademark Office communication dated October 16, 1998,

and entitled "Notice to File Missing Parts" (hereinafter the "NOTICE TO FILE").

7. Upon my receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, I promptly called this matter to the attention of James W. Williams. Mr. Williams promptly requested Jane Edwards of Montrose Intellectual Property Services, Inc., Arlington, Virginia, to obtain a copy of the United States Patent and Trademark Office communication referenced in the Notice of Abandonment.

8. On July 28, 1999, Jane Edwards provided a copy, via overnight delivery, of the NOTICE TO FILE, indicating a mailing date of October 16, 1998. The July 28, 1999, copy of the NOTICE TO FILE was the first occasion of receipt by Sidley & Austin of any written version of this NOTICE TO FILE.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application and any patent issuing thereon.

By: Lorie Bigley  
Lorie Bigley

Dated: 7/29/99

Attorney Docket No.: 05058/76501

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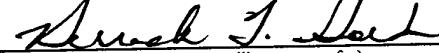
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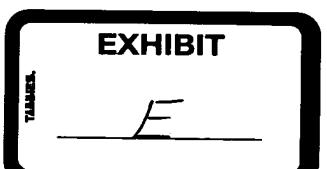
  
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DECLARATION OF LACARRO BOSTON

I, LaCarro Boston, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of the state of Texas and am over 18 years of age and fully competent to make this declaration, and if called as a witness, could testify to the following facts, which are based upon my personal knowledge, information, and belief.

  
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3. In performance of these duties:

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By LaCarro Boston  
LaCarro Boston

Dated: 7/29/99

Attorney Docket No. 05058/76501

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In re

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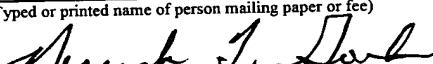
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DECLARATION OF LESLIE REAMES

I, Leslie Reames, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of the state of Texas and am over 18

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years of age and fully competent to make this declaration, and if called as a witness could testify to the following facts, which are based upon my personal knowledge, information, and belief.

2. I was employed by Sidley & Austin, located at 717 N. Harwood, Dallas, Texas 75201, from July 10, 1995, until my resignation on November 30, 1998. I served as United States Docketing Coordinator in the Dallas office of Sidley & Austin from September 1, 1996, through November 30, 1998.

3. From November 9, 1998, through November 30, 1998, I shared, with Ms. Tifarah White, my responsibilities for docketing incoming mail from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter referred to as "USPTO Communications").

4. From at least September 1, 1996, until my resignation on November 30, 1998, I followed the following procedure in docketing USPTO Communications:

a. All USPTO Communications were delivered unopened to the docketing office by personnel of Office Services in the Dallas office of Sidley & Austin. I opened USPTO Communications on the day of receipt from Office Services and manually stamped each USPTO Communication I opened to reflect the exact day of its receipt from Office Services.

b. After reviewing each USPTO Communication, I entered its docketing information (e.g., nature of the communication, date of required response, etc.) into the Sidley and Austin computerized docketing system. Entry was made in accordance with the appropriate serial number and

attorney docket number indicated on the respective USPTO Communication. While most USPTO Communications were typically docketed on the day of receipt from Office Services, all USPTO Communications were docketed within one week of their delivery by Office Services.

c. Following my docketing of one or more USPTO Communications, I printed an updated docket sheet from Sidley & Austin's computerized docketing system for each affected file. I then united a USPTO Communication and its corresponding updated docket sheet with the appropriate file and delivered these items to the responsible attorney (or the responsible attorney's legal assistant). If the file could not be readily located, I delivered the USPTO Communication and its corresponding updated docket sheet to the responsible attorney (or the responsible attorney's legal assistant).

5. I have no recollection of having received a Notice to File Missing Parts, indicating a mailing date of October 16, 1998, in the above-identified patent application. I further have no recollection of any deviation from the procedure set forth in Paragraph 4 that would have potentially resulted in any USPTO Communication not being entered in Sidley & Austin's computerized docketing system and filed in the appropriate Sidley & Austin prosecution file.

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By: Leslie Reames  
Leslie Reames

Dated: 7-28-99

Attorney Docket No.: 05058/76501

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July 30, 1999

Date of Signature

DECLARATION OF TIFARAH WHITE

I, Tifarah White, declare as follows:

1. I am a resident of the state of Texas and am over 18 years of age and fully competent to make this declaration, and if called as a witness, could testify to the following facts, which are based upon my personal knowledge, information, and belief.

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2. I am currently employed by Sidley & Austin, located at 717 N. Harwood, Dallas, Texas 75201. I began my employment with Sidley & Austin on November 2, 1998, as a United States Docketing Clerk and began docketing activities on November 9, 1998. Since December 1, 1998, I have served as United States Docketing Coordinator in the Dallas office of Sidley & Austin.

3. From November 9, 1998, to November 30, 1998, I shared my responsibilities for docketing incoming mail from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "USPTO Communications") with Ms. Leslie Reames. Since December 1, 1998, I, alone, have docketed all USPTO Communications received by the Dallas office of Sidley & Austin.

4. Since November 9, 1998, I have followed the following procedure in docketing USPTO Communications:

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5. The computer generated docketing sheet attached hereto is a copy of the current docket sheet for the above-identified patent application and does not include any docketing for a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application prior to July 15, 1999. The MISSING PARTS with a date of 5/28/99 is the docketing item for the filing on May 28, 1999, of the Completion of Application, which included the executed Declaration by the inventors and a check for the surcharge.

6. The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Filing Date Granted) for United States Patent Application Ser. No. 09/160,267, indicating a mailing date of October 16, 1998 (a copy of which is attached hereto), was not docketed in the firm's computerized docketing system until after I had received a copy of this Office Action from Mr. James W. Williams, a Sidley & Austin attorney, subsequent to Sidley & Austin receiving a Notice of Abandonment, mailed July 15, 1999.

7. I have no recollection of having received the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Filing Date Granted), as described in Paragraph 6, prior to my receiving a copy from Mr. Williams in accord with the events described in Paragraph 6. I

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further have no recollection of any deviation from the procedure set forth in Paragraph 4 that would have potentially resulted in this Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Filing Date Granted) not being docketed and/or filed in the appropriate Sidley & Austin prosecution file.

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By: Tifarah White  
Tifarah White

Dated: July 29, 1999

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DATE MAILED:

10/16/98

**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**  
*Filing Date Granted*

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any of items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of  \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or  \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

*If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a*

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1. The statutory basic filing fee is:  
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 Is missing or unexecuted.  
 does not cover the newly submitted items.  
 does not identify the application to which it applies.  
 does not include the city and state or foreign country of applicant's residence.

*An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.*

4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*

5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

*An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted Inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*

6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

8. The application does not comply with the Sequence Rules.  
*See attached "Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules" 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.*

9. OTHER:

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